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TAGS: CGEN (OLSEN, DANIEL)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SEAMAN

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1. OLSEN ARRIVED MOSCOW FEBRUARY 25 BY TRAIN WITH BOTH SOVIET GIRLFRIEND AND INFLOT ESCORT. HE IS AT HOTEL INTOURIST SCHEDULED, UNDER INFLOT ARRANGEMENTS, TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 27 AEROFLOT FLIGHT.

2. OLSEN, HOWEVER, DOES NOT WISH TO LEAVE USSR SO SOON. HE WANTS TO RETURN TO ODESSA TO RECUPERATE WITH SOVIET GIRLFRIEND, AND ARRANGE MARRIAGE. INFLOT MOSCOW OFFICE, WHICH HAS ONLY DEALT WITH ONE TRANSITING AMERICAN SEAMAN PREVIOUSLY (AND THAT ONE WAS DECEASED) IS PERPLEXED ABOUT HOW TO REACT TO OLSEN'S RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE. INFLOT MOSCOW OFFICIAL NOTED TO CONSOFF THAT, AS OLSEN HAS ONLY ABOUT US\$ 70, PERHAPS HE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO U.S.

OLSEN INSISTED TO CONSOFF THAT HE NEEDS PERIOD OF MEDICAL RECUPERATION BEFORE LONG FLIGHT, AND THAT WITH EYES IN PRESENT RECUPERATING STATE HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO GET AROUND IN BUSY TRAFFIC OF NEW YORK CITY. ALSO HE WANTS TO TRAVEL BY SHIP RATHER THAN FLY. CONSOFF SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT SHIPPING COMPANY WHICH OPERATES OVERSEAS ALEUTIAN WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE HIM MET AT KENNEDY AIRPORT AND ESCORTED TO MEDICAL FACILITY. OLSEN INSISTED HE DID NOT WANT TO GO.

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4. WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT
SHIPPING COMPANY. MARITIME OVERSEAS CORP., 511 5TH AVE.,
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017.
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